

**APPENDIX**

1. (Once Amended) A method of searching for a string in a lexical cache, comprising the computer-implemented steps of:

generating a key based on the string;

identifying a lexical container from among a plurality of lexical containers based on a length of the key; and

searching the lexical container for an entry associated with the string based on the key.

16. (Once Amended) A computer-readable medium bearing instructions for searching for a string in a lexical cache, said instructions arranged, when executed by one or more processors, to cause the one or more processors to perform the steps of:

generating a key based on the string;

identifying a lexical container from among a plurality of lexical containers based on a length of the key; and

searching the lexical container for an entry associated with the string based on the key.